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PRICE ONE CENT.

TOO SICK TO STAND TRIAL.

Feeble Physical and Mental Condition
of Stephen Pettus's Slayer.

Death or Dementia May Prevent
Her Ever Appearing in Court.

When Mrs. Hanna B. Southworth, the
murderess of Major Stephen Pettus, was
committed to the Tombs more than a
month ago, it was announced that she was
to have a speedy trial, and that the final
proceedings in her case would certainly
be had before the middle of December at
the very latest.

It was claimed by her friends that she
was to be pitied rather than condemned
for her terrible crime, and that a public
trial would result inevitably in her tri-
umphant vindication.

Mrs. Southworth is still languishing in
the Tombs, and at the present moment
her prospect of obtaining a speedy trial is,
if anything, less favorable than it was the
day when she was committed.

The reason is that the murderess of
Stephen Pettus is a very sick woman.
Instead of improving in health and gain-
ing strength from her enforced rest, and
the quiet of her prison life, she has been
gradually sinking in mind and body, until
now even her counsel despair of her
ever being able to stand trial.

She is allowed every privilege con-
sistent with rules laid down for prisoners
in the Tombs. Her meals are furnished
every day by a caterer, and her mother,
who never fails to visit her every day in
the week, always brings her some de-
licacy with which to tempt her appetite.

She is thus always supplied with fruits
and jellies, and every effort has been
made to buy her the most comfortable
available. She is under the daily care of
the physicians of the Tombs, who have never
ceased attentive treatment of the
invalid, but she does not seem to be
improving in her condition.

On the contrary, she is now regarded as
in a very critical condition physically,
her nervous system completely shattered,
and mentally she is so weakened that
those who have seen her during the past
two weeks believe that she is hopelessly
demented.

This is the reason why no steps have
been taken to fix a day for her trial, and
why her counsel are in no hurry to do so
even now.

"I do not believe that she will ever be
able to stand trial," says one of the
lawyers retained to defend Mrs.
Southworth, "and I am sure that the
prospect of a long trial will do her no
good."

"She has for a long time been strug-
gling against a weak mind," says another
lawyer, "and she is now so weak that
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NEW YORK, MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1889.

INSANE FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

Judge Barrett's Wife an Inmate of a
German Retreat for the Insane.

Her Malady Proven to Be Heredi-
tary and Hopeless—Her Hus-
band's Devotion.

An engrossing topic in legal circles to-
day is the disclosure of the skeleton in
Judge Barrett's closet. The circum-
stances attending the insanity of Mrs.
Barrett and the necessity which at last
arose of restraining her have long been
known and fully understood by intimate
friends of the Judge, but the story comes
as a surprise to the public.

A letter to Americans traveling in En-
ropa from Mrs. Barrett has been pub-
lished, in which she declares that she is
confined in a retreat for the insane at
Dresden, by her husband's direction, and
she appeals for aid in regaining her
liberty.

As Mrs. Barrett has written many letters
of the same tenor, Judge Barrett's
friends now deem it unwise to keep the
facts longer from the public knowledge.

Judge Barrett said to a reporter yester-
day: "It is true that my wife is in a pri-
vate retreat for the insane near Dresden.

I avoided placing any restraint upon her
as long as possible—until, in fact, it was
imposed by the authorities, and now the re-
strictions upon her liberty are as light
as it is possible to make them. I have
directed that no restraint be placed
upon her liberty of correspondence, and let-
ters similar to the one published have
been received by many of my friends."

Judge Barrett was married more than
twenty years ago, and his wife has been
a devoted and affectionate companion
until the last few years. She was of
gentle and charming personality, brilliant
attainments, and an accomplished house-
wife. She had a daughter, who is now
married, and a son, who is now a student
at the law.

Judge Barrett lived very happily for a few years
and a daughter was born to him. His
wife, however, began to show signs of
insanity, and he was obliged to place her
in a private retreat for the insane near
Dresden.

The Judge learned upon inquiry that in-
sanity was hereditary in his wife's family,
and that many of her relatives had died
mad. About ten years ago he per-
mitted her to go abroad, where she has
since remained. Her eldest daughter re-
turned to her home a few years ago and
died of consumption. Her second
daughter, now in Dresden, has become
mentally deranged, and is now confined
in a private retreat for the insane.

Mrs. Barrett has always been provided
with funds by the Judge, through Dr.
Morgan & Co., though she has never
communicated with him. It was only at
the request of the authorities at Dresden
that he finally directed that she be placed
in a retreat, and he has since been
devoted to her care.

"I have never at any time desired a di-
vorce," said Judge Barrett, "and I have
never been able to do so. My wife is my
wife, and she is entitled to my pro-
tection and support, and such she will
always receive."

Nolan Declines to Fight.
The match between Frank McHugh, of
Cincinnati, and Mike Nolan, of New
York, in the neighborhood of 130 pounds,
and he arrived at the conclusion yesterday
that it would be impossible to get himself
into condition within the time specified
in the contract.

McHugh offered him an extension of time, but Nolan
declined to fight except at catch weights.
The match was consequently abandoned.
Nolan was disappointed, but he was not
able to do anything more.

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HAD MRS. BLAINE FORESEEN

She Would Not Have Slighted Mrs.
Harrison Years Ago.

As It Is, She's on Ice Terms with
the President's Wife Now.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—A Washington
special to the Philadelphia Times says:
Society and the general public are in a
state of nervous curiosity to know whether
or not Mrs. James G. Blaine was asked at
the Presidential reception on New Year's
Day. The question is the subject of con-
siderable conversation in the city, and the
opinion is pretty general that neither Mrs. Blaine
nor her daughters will attend this or any
other reception given at the White House
while Mrs. Harrison remains the first lady
of the land.

There is more truth than fiction in this
statement, and while President Harrison
and his Secretary of State are apparently on
very friendly terms in the interchange of
their daily life, it is a well-known fact that
there exists between their wives a social
chasm which can never be bridged over.

This is not of Mrs. Harrison's seeking and
neither of Mrs. Blaine's doing. It is a well-
known fact that Gen. Harrison's wife would
ever become President Harrison's wife.

Both Mrs. Blaine and Mrs. Harrison re-
ceived invitations to the reception. Mrs. Blaine
made no pretense of friendship and it is widely known
that they do not affiliate in the smallest de-
gree.

The coldness was brought about some
years ago when Mrs. Harrison was the wife
of a prominent man in Washington and
she was a social acquaintance of Mrs. Blaine.
At that time Mrs. Harrison was not known
to Gen. Harrison's wife.

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COLEMAN'S DOM.

Mayor Grant Demands the Street
Cleaning Commissioner's Head.

Strong Letter to the Health
Board Asking His Removal.

Public Streets Declared Filthy and
Dangerous to Health.

Only Two Health Commissioners'
Votes Needed for the Execution.

Street Commissioner James S. Coleman
is the latest municipal official marked for
removal.

Mayor Grant has set the seal of his dis-
approval on the administration of the
affairs of the Street Cleaning Department
and demands a reform which he thinks
can best be accomplished by another
Commissioner.

The following letter was to-day sent by
Mayor Grant:

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
New York, Dec. 30, 1889.
To the Honorable Board of Health:
GENTLEMEN: Pursuant to the provisions
of section 108 of the New York City Con-
sultation Act, I hereby certify that, in my
judgment, the removal of James S. Cole-
man from office as Commissioner of the
Department of Street Cleaning is required in
the public interest.

I am compelled to take this action by the
fact that the Commissioner of the Street
Cleaning Department has failed to perform
his duty in a satisfactory manner.

The streets of this city have long been in
a filthy and dangerous condition, and the
Commissioner of the Street Cleaning De-
partment has failed to perform his duty in
a satisfactory manner.

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have hoped that an explanation might be
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to accept such a resignation, if tendered.
As to asking for it, he said that he had
taken the action provided by law in such
cases and would abide the result.

"It was only attempting to assist Mr.
Coleman," he said, "when he prevented
my going any further by declaring his
system perfect with the assertion that the
streets of the city are clean."

"They are not clean, and a man who
thinks they are is not the right sort of
person to direct the work of cleaning
them, and I was forced to certify him for
removal to the Board of Health."

Gen. James S. Coleman was reappointed
Street Commissioner in 1888 by Mayor
Hewitt, and his term of office will not
expire for nearly five years.

The salary of the Commissioner is
\$6,000 a year, and he has at his disposal
an immense amount of patronage.

THE BERNHARDT IN PERIL.

She Narrowly Escapes a Real Burning
at the Stake.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.]
PARIS, Dec. 30.—A sensational in-
cident occurred last evening during a dress
rehearsal of "Joan of Arc" at the Porte
Saint Martin Theatre.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt was the Jean,
and the rehearsal had progressed as far as
the scene in which Joan was to be burned
at the stake.

A mass of facts had been piled up on
the stage, and Mme. Bernhardt had been
fastened above them, when the facts
suddenly burst into flame, having caught
fire from a light in the hand of some stage
employee.

The actress shrieked with terror and
fainted, and was extricated from the
burning pile while still unconscious.

She was carried into the greenroom,
where she soon recovered, and it was
found she had sustained no injury other
than the nervous shock.

Two or three persons were severely burned
before the flames on the stage were ex-
tinguished.

MR. PARNELL STRIKES BACK.

The O'Shea Suit but a Part of a
Plot, He Says.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.]
LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mr. Parnell declares
that Capt. O'Shea's action for a divorce,
with which his name has been connected
as co-respondent, has been brought for-
ward for political effect, and is part of
the conspiracy to break him down.

He says Secretary Houston, of the
Royal Union, who figured before the
Special Commission as the backer of the
captain, is the backer of his
troublesome friend, the Captain, and has
instigated him to take advantage of the
fact that he (Parnell) lived at O'Shea's
house from 1880 to 1882.

AN APPEAL FOR SUCCESS.

Great Suffering from Cold and Snow
in Western Kansas.

[SPECIAL TO THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.]
TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 30.—Distressing
news of suffering from cold and from lack
of food supplies comes from the western
part of the State, where the cold snap of
Saturday has changed to the nature of a
blizzard.

There is three feet of snow on the
ground in Sherman County, and the peo-
ple have issued a pitiful appeal for aid.

The terrible country gives the wind
full play about the houses, many of
which are but frail structures utterly in-
adequate in such an emergency.

Should the storm continue, numbers of
settlers will be black-balled from the
railroads or other sources of supply.

In many cases, owing to crop failures,
families will be left with absolutely noth-
ing in the way of food.

The Wichita Board of Trade has al-
ready taken up the matter, according to a
despatch from that city, and the appeal
will be acted upon in that city.

Hotel Arrivals.

Johnson-Senators George G. Vest, of
Missouri; George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts;
James L. Pugh, of Alabama; Joseph
N. Dolph, of Oregon; Eugene Hale, of
Maine; Charles F. Johnson, of Nebraska;
and Judge J. Jackson, of West Virginia. St.
James—Col. Thomas B. Keogh, of North
Carolina; and Sir John Swinburne, of
England.

Marie Carey's Abductor Arrested.
George Robertson, who abducted pretty
Marie Carey from her home at 202 Second
street, Newark, last Friday, was held for
examination at the Tombs Police Court to-day. He was
arrested in a Bowery concert hall yesterday.

Tractor Car Men Will Strike.
The car men of the New York and New
Jersey Railroad will strike to-day.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30.—The District
Master Workman this morning said the
Tractor cars would stop running to-mor-
row morning if the terms asked by the men
were not accepted.

Conjugal Love at Monterey.
[From the West.]
Wife—Oh, my dear! I don't go in that boat!
You are your life!
Husband—No,